

Freedom of Information request 318-19

Request

I have five freedom of information requests.

1. i) Please could you supply the dosage table for intravenous oxytocin infusion (It might be called Syntocinon.) from your Trust's Induction of Labour (or Augmentation of Labour) policy? If it was recently updated, please supply the previous one, also. Thank you.

ii) If named in the document, please give the make and model of infusion pump used on your labour ward. (If more than one is in use, please list them all.) Thank you.
2. Please supply your month-by-month postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) statistics for last year, or, an average rate per month that includes all PPHs (i.e. over 500ml, over 1000ml and over 1500ml), whichever is easier. Thank you.
3. How many units of blood or blood products were transfused to maternity patients during 2018?
4. What was the cost to your maternity service of blood and substitute blood products transfused during 2018?
5. What was the total cost of transfusion services to your maternity unit(s), including unused products that had been ordered, in 2018?

Response

1. i) Please find below the dosage table for Syntocinon as per NHS Borders' Augmentation of Labour policy:

The Syntocinon regime is 10 international units of Syntocinon made up as an infusion in 1 litre of Hartmann's solution.

The infusion should be run at the following rates / over:
mls/hour

Standard regimen: Dosage of Syntocinon/ milli-units/minute	
1 mu/min	6
2 mu/min	12
4 mu/min	24
6 mu/min	36
8 mu/min	48
10 mu/min	60
12 mu/min	72

- ii) NHS Borders use Alaris GP Plus Care Fusion pumps.

2. Please find below the month-by-month postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) statistics for 2018:

Month	500-999mls	1000-1499 mls	1500+mls
JANUARY 18	21	6	3
FEBRUARY 18	20	0	0
MARCH 18	22	2	6
APRIL 18	20	4	4
MAY 2018	18	9	5
JUNE 2018	19	4	4
JULY 2018	16	4	4
AUGUST 2018	26	12	4
SEPTEMBER 2018	21	7	3
OCTOBER 2018	17	8	1
NOVEMBER 2018	11	4	3
DECEMBER 2018	18	4	2

3. In 2018: units of red cells transfused to maternity patients : 71
 Other blood components transfused to maternity patients: 16
 Blood products given: Anti-D - 194 1500iu doses and 170 500iu doses
4. Units of blood and blood components such as fresh frozen plasma, platelets, cryoprecipitate and octoplas are not charged in Scotland. Therefore maternity services are not charged for their use.
- Anti-D is the only blood product issued to maternity services where there is a cost involved therefore please find below the costs from 1 January to 31 December 2018:
- Anti D- 500 units W17 were issued with 157 vials at a cost of £33.75 each = £5298.75
 Anti D- 1500 units W17 were issued with 222 vials at a cost of £39.50 each = £8769.00
 Total cost =£14,067.75
5. NHS Borders does not hold data on the total cost of transfusion services to maternity units, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **318-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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